

TALK:
***The Journey:
Domestic Violence
Legislation in Ghana***

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Daily, all over the world, women and children (especially) are abused by intimate partners and family members, friends and colleagues. While a legal infrastructure and legal responses will not end gender-based violence (GBV) and domestic violence (DV), they can provide reliefs for survivors of violence. They can serve as spaces from which GBV and DV can be discussed and explained, as well where advocacy can occur. This talk chronicles the journey traveled by women's rights advocates for the passage of DV legislation in Ghana. The advocates faced considerable resistance but also built strong alliances and learned about effective methods of strategizing among different constituencies helpful in other areas of struggle. They learned more about "deconstructing" notions of GBV. The lessons learned in Ghana suggest strategies for mobilizing and advocacy that are useful for women and men globally, including the United States.

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